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Can Henry Stand Such a Test?

As a matter of fact, the police administration of Arthur M. Brown withstood a test which would probably be disastrous to a very large majority of police departments in America. Amid the columns of cloudy, indefinite statements made by Governor Carter and others in the effort to suggest that the Brown administration was corrupt or incompetent it is only fair to recall the actual facts as developed by the governor himself.

For many weeks last summer the Honolulu police department was subjected to the secret espionage of a Pinkerton detective. Neither the head of the police department nor any of his subordinates knew that night after night, week after week, this trained sleuth of the greatest detective organization in the world was devoting his whole time to spying upon them. All unconscious of the espionage they pursued the ordinary tenor of their way while the detective, an absolute stranger to all, enjoyed unexampled opportunities to find out what was really going on.

What was the net result? The detective made the statement, and convinced the governor that it was true, that the laws were not being efficiently enforced. Then the detective, finally changing his character into that of a public officer, came into the open to do some enforcing. Since then jury after jury has fairly laughed his cases out of court. The most important charge of grafting he was able to prepare was submitted to a jury yesterday WITHOUT ARGUMENT BY THE DEFENSE, and a verdict of acquittal was returned in three minutes,—not after half an hour's deliberation as stated in the Advertiser this morning. Does it not seem that if the governor's conclusions of graft and incompetence were justified, an expert detective working so long in perfect secrecy should have been able to find something a bit more tangible and definite? Is it not passing strange that not even the petty liquor-selling cases which this trained detective was finally reduced to prosecuting were able to stand the test of a jury trial? Is it not, in reality, a wonderful testimonial to a police administration, that it should be able to stand three months of such espionage and come unharmed through the ordeal? Is it not a truly remarkable showing, that a secret, unknown detective of the Pinkerton agency should work here for three months under large salary and not be able to convict ANY-ONE of anything? Not even liquor-sellers who violated the law could be landed by Detective Hatter. Not even gamblers whom the governor says so openly committed breaches of the law could be brought to book by Hatter. Truly, A. M. Brown should feel very proud of his administration: His own staff, well known to the lawbreakers, comparatively poorly paid and untrained in the science of detection of crime, made all the successful arrests, ferreted out all the violators of law that were ferreted out at all during the period when the Pinkerton expert was so hard at work. This is aside from the proposition of graft, so easily shouted from the housetops by the enemies of any public official. It is a mere matter of enforcement of law, and the clear, unmistakable showing is that the police administration of A. M. Brown was so vastly superior to the Pinkerton expert, working unknown and with every advantage, that the Pinkerton man's very name arouses laughter in Honolulu today. As for graft, the Pinkerton man found nothing,—absolutely nothing,—against Brown. He did try to make out some cases against some of Brown's subordinates,—and as already stated, the cases go to a disgusted jury unargued by the defense. Taking it all in all, did not the Brown police administration really make a most remarkably good showing, under a test as severe as can be applied? How many police departments in America can stand such a test better? Can Henry's?

French Re-Name The Holidays

The approaching separation of state and church in France, is one of the profoundest movements in domestic legislation ever undertaken. The connection between church and state has been so close in France for so long, that their separation cannot but have widespread and perhaps unexpected effects. French domestic life has grown up under the conditions imposed by a church united with the state. The statistics of births, baptisms, marriages and deaths all had relation to the church as well as to the state. The ceremonials attending or following each of these had an ecclesiastical as well as a civil relation. Holidays, and social customs all bear the double impress. From this it may be imagined what a rending there will be when the two are separated. Among the curious situations which will be brought about is that whereby Christmas, Easter and other holidays to which the French are devoted will be abolished under the separation bill. This led M. Gerault-Richard to satisfy public opinion by an amendment continuing the principal holidays under new names. The amendment, which has been accepted by those in charge of the bill, substitutes Spring Flower Festival for Easter, Harvest Festival for the Feast of the Assumption, Memorial Festival for the Feast of All Saints and Family Festival for Christmas. The author of the amendment says:

"The preservation of the holidays recognizes an urgent popular requirement, but since the abolition of the concordat ends the state's recognition of religious festivals, I substitute springtime, harvest, memorial and family as symbols representing the former festivals. Two of the holidays recognize nature's bounties and the others recognize family sentiments. Thus the same dates are preserved without the state recognizing their spiritual significance."

The Federation And The Governor

W. R. Castle in his communication in the Advertiser this morning regarding the Civic Federation and its aims says: "The impression which has been stated by a number of intelligent voters that the Governor is using the Civic Federation for his own personal ends is absolutely unfounded. The action of the Federation and of its Executive Committee with regard to the candidates was taken absolutely and entirely upon its own initiative without any conference or understanding either with or from Governor Carter." This statement clearly recognizes two things, first that such an opinion exists, and second that if true it militates justly against the Federation which can only hope to be influential if it is independent. There can be no doubt, either, that Mr. Castle is sincere in his statement.

But whence comes this belief? This "impression," as Mr. Castle calls it? Does it not grow out of the fact, obvious to the most obtuse, that while the Civic Federation was looking around for candidates, the Governor was too, and that the Federation followed and hesitated in its choice as the Governor led in his effort to secure some one to run? While the Governor was seeking to induce Rawlins to run, the Civic Federation was known to be ready to endorse him, to have him as their selection. When the Governor fluttered away to Henry, the Civic

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Federation followed. It is known as well as anything can be known from moral evidence, that Henry is a candidate for sheriff at the Governor's bidding. Weeks ago, Henry announced that he would not be a candidate, and the Governor's arrangement for him to remain High Sheriff and become warden of Oahu prison was one of those openly recognized and acquiesced in political patronage agreements. But as the Star has pointed out before, Henry was subjected to strong pressure to go back on his pledge to support Brown. If he ran for sheriff and was defeated, he was still high sheriff at a comfortable salary, and with reduced responsibilities. If he were elected he could still be High Sheriff. If he refused to run he had every probability staring him in the face of being neither Sheriff nor High Sheriff. It is any wonder that an impression was created and prevails that the Civic Federation is being used by the Governor? Is it not possible that influences are at work with Mr. Castle does not know about?

Take another case. The Federation refused to endorse C. W. Booth, the Republican nominee for Treasurer, and did endorse Richard H. Trent, Governor Carter finds no fault with Booth. Indeed it is the general impression of those in touch with things political that he is supporting him cordially. What is the Civic Federation doing in this matter? It has not done a thing to help Trent, nor a thing to prevent the election of Booth. The entire effort of its headquarters and of those of its members and committees who address the public in his behalf is to defeat Brown and elect Henry.

There are those to whom this evidence appeals as indicating that the Federation, is following the desire of Governor Carter to the extent of practically withdrawing its repudiation of Booth and its endorsement of Trent. What influence except the Governor's has brought about this attitude?

"Any old hen can scratch" was one of the mottoes used last election and the Civic Federation is apparently under the impression that jail birds can scratch as well as hens.

Governor Carter's letter to P. C. Jones should be set to music by Kappelmeister Berger and played every day in the palace grounds. A few people might learn what it is all about then.

Why wouldn't Andrew Carnegie's Palace of Peace at The Hague be a fitting place for the representatives of Russia and Japan to meet to discuss peace between those two countries.

The fact that High Sheriff Henry is a loaner of money to the men under him, at four per cent per month, ought, no doubt commend him to the voters.

Governor Carter seems to include the Judiciary with Brown in his charges of corruption and graft. If not, what does he mean in his letter to P. C.

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Jones when he says: "Brown may not have realized that a Chinese hackman does not present handsome silver gifts or liberally entertain the police and judiciary with champagne dinners without expecting some consideration in return." What judges have been accepting handsome silver presents and champagne dinners from a Chinese hackman?

There is no doubt that "Hi" Henry is thrifty.

The Governor objects to Brown because he says there was friction between the police and the attorney general's department. The friction between Henry and the Attorney General's department during the Stanford case was notorious. At the inquest, when Attorney General Andrews began a line of questioning of one of the witnesses which might have developed some real information, the Deputy High Sheriff who was conducting the inquest and found that Mrs. Stanford was murdered, shut him off and would not allow him to proceed.

Is the Governor as accurate in the remainder of his letter as he is in almost the opening statement of his letter to P. C. Jones? He says Richard Lane is the Republican candidate for Deputy Sheriff, Koolauloa. Everybody else was under the impression that he was the Republican candidate for Supervisor.

"At a meeting of the Executive Committee after the public meeting of the Association, it was ascertained that Sheriff Henry had decided that he would stand for the County of Oahu. He was immediately endorsed."—W. R. Castle in the Advertiser.

High Sheriff Henry himself said at the time that he would not run unless the Federation endorsed him. Which is in error, Castle or "Hi"?

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